

**STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
VIA THE INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
6:30 p.m.**

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- The meeting shall be recorded and the video shall be posted on the City of Stamford website **http://cityofstamford.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=8**
- The Planning Board shall moderate the audio for attendees.
- Attendees shall be on mute and will be unmuted when called to speak by the Planning Board members.
- Applicants will have 20 minutes to make their presentation.
- Any applicant wishing to submit written testimony can send it prior to the meeting to **lcapp@stamfordct.gov** or submit through a Chat message to the Planning Board Chair during the meeting.

Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Voting Members: Theresa Dell, Chair; Jay Tepper, Vice Chair; Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary; Michael Totilo and Michael Buccino. Alternates: William Levin and Claire Fishman. Present for staff: David W. Woods, PhD, FAICP, Deputy Director of Planning; Jay Fountain, Director, Office of Policy & Management and Anthony Romano, Management Analyst, Office of Policy & Management.

Ms. Dell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., introduced the members of the Board and staff present and made a brief statement regarding the Capital Budget.

Ms. Dell introduced the first item on the agenda.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

February 2, 2021: After a brief discussion, Mr. Tepper moved to recommend approval of the Planning Board Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021; Mr. Levin seconded the motion, and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Godzeno, Levin, Tepper and Totilo). (Mr. Buccino was ineligible to vote as he was absent at the February 2, 2021 meeting.)

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:

- 1. DISTRICT-WIDE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT - PROJECT #C5B609 - TOTAL REQUEST \$1,000,000.00:** Upgrade computer equipment in school classrooms and expand technology resources for computer labs, science programs and unified arts curriculum.

Ms. Dell requested Anthony Romano, Management Analyst, Office of Policy & Management, to provide a brief explanation of the supplemental and how the funds will be used.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Totilo recommended approval of the District-wide Technology Equipment - Project #C5B609 with a Total Request of \$1,000,000.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and Section C6-30-13 of the City Charter and finds this request to be consistent with CGS Section 8-24, and the City Charter Section C6-30-13, as well as consistent with the adopted 2015 Master Plan; Mr. Buccino seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo).

CAPITAL BUDGET:

In accordance with Section C-611.3 of the Stamford Charter, the Stamford Planning Board will vote on the recommended Capital Budget for FY 2021-2022 and Capital Plan for FY 2022-2028.

Ms. Dell explained since all members of the Planning Board worked on the Capital Budget and were listed as signatories on the Transmittal letters, all members should approve both the Capital Budget and the Transmittal Letter.

The Board began with a discussion of the Capital Budget. Ms. Dell asked each member if there were any questions or comments.

After final comments, called for a motion to approve the Capital Budget for FY 2021-2022 and the Capital Plan for FY 2022-2028. Mr. Tepper made a motion to approve the Capital Budget for FY 2021-2022 and the Capital Plan for FY 2022-2028; Mr. Buccino seconded the motion and passed unanimously with all members present approving the Capital Budget for FY 2021-2022 and the Capital Plan for FY 2022-2028, 7-0 (Dell, Buccino, Fishman, Godzeno, Levin, Tepper and Totilo) and eligible members voting to approve, 5-0 (Dell, Buccino, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo)

Ms. Dell then led a discussion of the draft Transmittal Letter to the Mayor.

After final comments, Ms. Dell called for a motion to accept the Transmittal Letter to the Mayor. Mr. Totilo made a motion to approve the Transmittal Letter to the Mayor; Mr. Buccino seconded the motion and passed unanimously with all members present accepting the Transmittal Letter to the Mayor, 7-0 (Dell, Buccino, Fishman, Godzeno, Levin, Tepper and Totilo) and eligible members voting to accept, 5-0 (Dell, Buccino, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REFERRALS:

- 1. ZBA #001-21 - ANDREW POTTENGER - 280 ERSKINE ROAD - Variance of Section 6A (Accessory Buildings):** Applicant owns a single-family dwelling with a detached garage and hot tub and is proposing the installation of a 30 ft. x 15 ft. 6 in. (465 sq. ft.) in-ground pool with associated fence, pool barrier, supporting equipment and a 355 sq. ft. deck. Applicant is requesting the in-ground pool and associated accessory structures be located in the front yard as per survey.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Buccino recommended **approval** of **ZBA Application #001-21** and that this request is compatible with the neighborhood and consistent with Master Plan Category #1 (Residential - Very Low Density Single-Family); Mr. Totilo seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Buccino, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo).

2. **ZBA #002-21 - NICHOLAS G. DiBLASIO - 44 UNITY ROAD - Variance of Table III, Appendix B:** Applicant owns a single-family dwelling with a wood shed and is proposing a first floor addition, a second story addition over a portion of the existing dwelling and an addition of covered porches. The applicant is requesting a front yard setback of 20.3 ft. in lieu of the 40 ft. required and a street centerline setback of 45.3 ft. in lieu of the 65 ft. required.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Tepper recommended **approval** of *ZBA Application #002-21* and that this request is compatible with the neighborhood and consistent with Master Plan Category #2 (Residential - Low Density Single Family); Mr. Totilo seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Buccino, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo).

3. **ZBA #003-21 - GARY CATCHPOLE & ANGELA TAYLOR - 164 OVERBROOK DRIVE - Variance of Section 3 and Section 10A:** Applicant owns this single-family dwelling and is proposing a second floor over the existing two-car detached garage. Applicant is requesting the following variances:

- **Section 3:** Allowance of an accessory structure located in the front yard to exceed 15 ft. in height with the second story addition.
- **Section 10A:** Expand and extend a non-conforming use.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Totilo recommended **approval** of *ZBA Application #003-21* and that this request is compatible with the neighborhood and consistent with Master Plan Category #2 (Residential - Low Density Single Family); Mr. Buccino seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Buccino, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo).

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

Dr. Woods reminded everyone that the meeting scheduled for February 16, 2021 has been cancelled and an updated schedule was sent out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Woods discussed items to be on the agenda for the March 9, 2021 meeting, which include the acceptance of title for the Old Town Hall and two Zoning Board referrals related to the Master Plan Amendment heard and approved at the Public Hearing on December 15, 2020 submitted by Sprague Energy.

Next regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings are:

- March 9, 2021 - Regular Meeting
- March 23, 2021 - Regular Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary
Stamford Planning Board

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